

# ARISE SERVICE

*Sunday, October 27, 2024*



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**SERMON SERIES**

**October 27, 2024**

**Liturgical Color: Green**

**9:00 am Service**

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*Nursery/Preschool Sunday School is available during all services in the infant and toddler rooms. Please walk up the few stairs to the right when you enter the building through the main wooden doors. Children Sunday school is held in the Children's Ministry Room which is located to the right of the pulpit.*

### **Let Us Prepare for Worship**

#### **Introit**

**Holy Spirit**

Song by Francesca Battistelli

Soloist: Kristin Ginnity

#### **Call to Worship**

*(L- Leader / C- Congregation)*

L: Here we worship the God of Abundance.

All-**Here we hear of God's goodness and love.**

L: Here we are challenged to love and live as God's children.

All-**Here we put our faith in action.**

L: Here we hear God's word.

All-**Here we share our time and talents.**

L: Here we see each other as God's children.

All-**Here we eat at Christ's table.**

L:-Here we splash in the waters of baptism.

All-**Here we sing praises and laments to our God.**

L: Here we know we are loved.

All-**Here we know we are loved.**

Source: Tea and Theology

#### **Opening Hymn**

**Guide me O thou Great Jehovah**

**UMH #127**

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Scripture Reading**

### **2 Corinthians 8:1-15**

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. 6 So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring

also to completion this act of grace on your part. 7 But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

10 And here is my judgment about what is best for you in this matter. Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. 11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. 12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. 14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, 15 as it is written: “The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.”

### **Romans 15:25-33**

25 Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord’s people there. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord’s people in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

30 I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me. 31 Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, 32 so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed. 33 The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

## Song of Preparation

### Joy in the Morning

Song by Elevation Worship and Tauren Wells

Soloist: Kristin Ginnity

## Scripture Reading

### Matthew 14:13-36

13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. **14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."**

**16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." 17 And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."**

**18 He said, "Bring them here to Me." 19 Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. 20 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. 21 Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.**

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when

He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

**34 When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, 36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

### **Sermon**

**Generosity Is an Open Door to Abundance, Provision, & Equity**

Rev. Jennifer Fenner

## Hymn of Response

### Take my Life and Let it Be

UMH# 399

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Celebration of Ministry at Epworth

## **Invitation to Receive the Offering**

### **Offering Song**

#### **Presentation Of The Offering with Doxology**

**Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)**

**UMH #95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### **Welcoming of Visitors and Invitation to Review Announcements**

*Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed down the row,  
if your mailing address has changed, please add your new address.*

### **Closing Hymn**

**How Great Thou Art**

**UMH #77**

1 O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the \*worlds thy hand have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the \*rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]



3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

### **Benediction Prayer and Dismissal with Blessing**

*Following the service please join us for coffee & conversation in the lounge. (Upstairs, turn left and down the hallway).  
Join us and meet some new friends & familiar faces.*

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### **Upcoming Dates:**

Frid. Nov. 1- 6:30pm | GGYM

Sat. Nov. 2 - Church Conference 11am via Zoom

Sun. Nov. 3- All Saints Sunday Celebrated all three services & 5-7pm  
Confirmation at Mill Creek Parish

Sat. Nov. 9- 9am | Community Women's Health Day

Sat. Nov. 9- Young Adult Hiking at Sugarloaf (meet EUMC 9am)

Sun. Nov. 10 - 1:30pm | Food Distribution

Sun. Nov. 17- 10am | Consecration Sunday Single Bilingual Service  
followed by 1pm Piano concert with youth from the European Music &  
Arts Academy

Sun. Nov. 17: 4:00pm Meeting at Mill Creek Parish UMC with D.S. Hand  
to discuss collaborative youth Ministry - GGYM. All Epworth parents of  
youth are asked to attend.

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*These are the names for All Saints Day registered with the office.  
Please email Carrie at [office@eumc-md.org](mailto:office@eumc-md.org) if there are any  
corrections or additional names to add for our November 3, 2024  
service.*

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| Elvera Bergdolt       | Mother to Paul Bergdolt and Sarah Munzer   |
| Lynn Britton          | Aunt to Hunter Shelley   |
| Sanaa Vil             | Daughter to Vil Family, Friend to Shelby Doerrman and Student of Sherwood High School                          |
| Abraham Kwabena Oduro | Father to Jemimah Oduro  |
| Lyndon Bernard Henry  | Brother to Christine Henry   |
| Sharon Cardarelli     | Wife to Gary Cardarelli and Mom to Nicole Graham   |
| Patrick Donahue       | Husband to Lisa Donahue  |
| Joseph Trammel        | Husband Cynthia Trammel  |
| Lynn Ryan Harps       | Brother of Derek Harps, Terrance Harps, Neil Harps and Jenifer Harps-Hentrel and loved one of the Harps family |
| Patricia Bell Hamm    | Aunt of Linda and Derek Harps  |
| Amina Araba Kyeiwaa   | Mother to Saddick Owusu  |
| Margaret Linker       | Grandmother to Deacon Megan Blanchard  |
| Dalasue Brumskine     | Wife to Nathaniel Brumskine and Mother to Nathalia Yarhvoe Brumskine   |

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| Lewis Authur Oxford              | Father to Susan Oxford & Warren Craig                      |
| Thomas Nah                       | Brother to Jacqueline Nah                                  |
| Juan Tomas Salcedo Bisono        | Father to Lisa Compres and Winston Compres                 |
| Abu Bakar Kamara                 | Brother to Francis Conteh                                  |
| Jeannie Gonzalez de Betancourt   | First cousin of pastor Yolanda.                            |
| Alan Garnica                     | Son and Brother to the Garnica Family                      |
| Jan Dodd                         | Former member and youth leader at Epworth                  |
| Rev. Donald Stanley Stewart, Jr. | Former Pastor of Epworth                                   |
| Mandisa Hundley                  | Influential Contemporary Christian Artist who sang at ROCK |

***Epworth Vision: To be a church of the community that invites, connects, disciples, and sends out people for Christ; passionately partnering with the Holy Spirit in the transformation of hearts, lives, and communities.***

*I have come to invite people to change their hearts and lives*  
Luke 5:32



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